

T H E
TRANSACTIONS
O F
Several matters between Lieut: Gen:
C R O M W E L
AND THE
S C O T S,

For Surrendring the Towns of
BERWICK, CARLISLE,
And all other Garisons belonging to the
Kingdom of E N G L A N D.

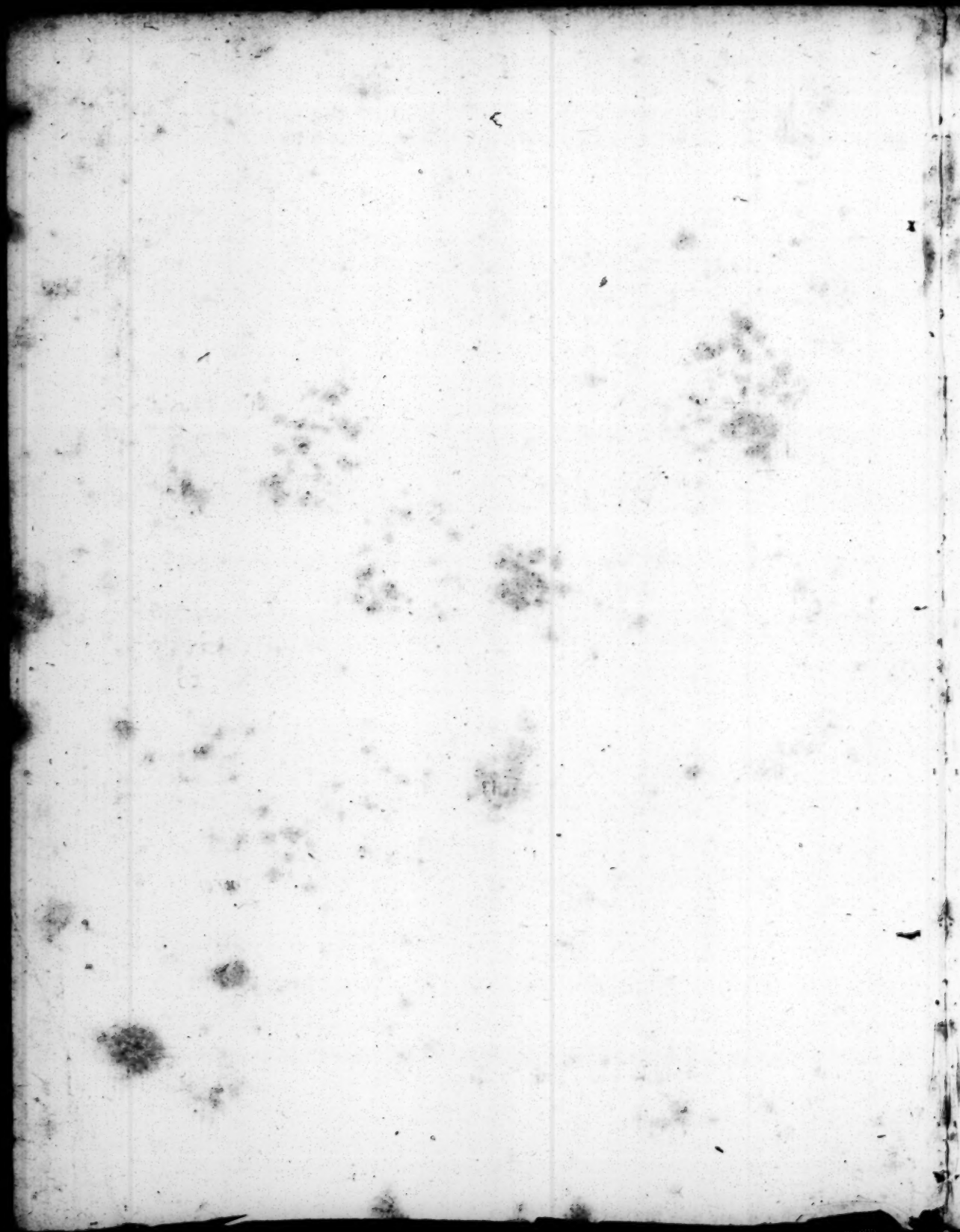
Together with the Reasons of Lieut: Gen:
Cromwels entring the Kingdom of S C O T L A N D to
assist the Marquis of A R G Y L E.

Die Jovis, 28 Septembr. 1648.

O Rdered by the Commons assembled in Parliament, That
the Extracts of the Letters of the Committee at Derby-
house to Lieut: General Cromwel, and the Whole Dispatch from
Lieut: General Cromwel now reported, and the Votes thereupon,
be forthwith printed and published.

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norable House of Commons, Octob. 2. 1648.





To the Right Honorable,
The Committee of Lords and Com-
mons at *Derby-house*.

My Lords and Gentlemen,



Did from Alnwick write to Sir *William Armyn* an account of our Condition, and recommended to him divers particular considerations about your Affairs here in the North, with desire of particular things to be done by your Lordships appointment, in order to the carrying on of your Affairs. I send you here inclosed a copy of the Summons that was sent to Barwick when I was come as far as Alnwick; as also of a Letter written to the Committee of Estates of *Scotland*, I mean those who we did presume were convened as Estates, & were the men that managed the business of the War: But there being (as I hear since) none such, the Earl of *Roxbrough* and some others having deserted, so that they are not able to

make a Committee, I believe the said Letter is suppressed and retained in the hands of Colonel *Bright* and Mr. *William Rowe*, for whom we obtained a safe Convoy to go to the Estates of that Kingdom with our said Letter; the Governor of Barwicks Answer to our Summons leading us thereunto: By advantage whereof, we did instruct them to give all assurance to the Marquis of *Argyle*, and the honest Party in *Scotland* (who we heard were gathered together in a considerable Body about *Edenburgh*, to make opposition to the Earl of *Lanerick*, *Monro*, and their Armies) of our good affection to them; wherewith they went the Sixteenth of this Moneth.

Upon the Seventeenth of this Moneth Sir *Andrew Car* and Major *Straughan*, with divers other Scottish Gentlemen, brought me this enclosed Letter, Signed by the Lord Chancellor of *Scotland*, as your Lordships will see: They likewise shewed me their Instructions, and a Paper containing the matter of their Treaty with *Lanerick* and *Monro*; as also an Expostulation upon *Lanericks*

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nericks breach with them, in falling upon *Argyle* and his men contrary to Agreement, wherein the Marquis of *Argyle* hardly escaped, they having hold of him, but Seven hundred of his men were killed and taken: These Papers also I send here enclosed to your Lordships. So soon as these Gentlemen came to me, I called a Council of War, the Result whereof was, the Letter directed to the Lord Chancellor, a Copy whereof your Lordships have also here enclosed, which I delivered to Sir *Andrew Car* and Major *Straughan*, with which they returned upon the Eighteenth, being the next day. Upon private discourse with the Gentlemen, I do finde the condition of their Affairs and their Army to be thus; The Earl of *Lanerick*, the Earl of *Crawford-Lindsey*, *Monro*, and their Army hearing of our advance, and understanding the condition and endeavors of their Adversaries, marched with all speed to get the possession of *Sterling-Bridge*, that so they might have three parts of four of *Scotland* at their backs to raise men, and to enable themselves to carry on their Design, and are
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above Five thousand Foot, and Five and twenty hundred Horse, or Three thousand; The Earl of *Leven*, who is chosen General, the Marquis of *Argyle*, with the honest Lords and Gentlemen, *David Lesley* being the Lieut: General, having about Seven thousand Foot, but very weak in Horse, lye about six miles on this side the Enemy; I do hear that their Infantry consists of men who come to them out of Conscience, and generally are of the godly People of that Nation, which they express by their Piety and Devotion in their Quarters, and indeed I hear they are a very godly and honest Body of men.

I think it is not unknown to your Lordships what Directions I have received from you for the prosecution of our late Victory; whereof I shall be bold to remember a Clause of your Letter, which was,

That I should prosecute the remaining party in the North, and not leave any of them (where-ever they shall go) to be a beginning of a new Army, nor cease to pursue the Victory, till I finish and fully compleat it, with their Rendition of those Towns of Barwick and

and Carlisle, which most unjustly, and against all Obligations and the Treaties (then) in force, they surprized and Garisoned against us.

In order whereunto, I marched to the Borders of Scotland, where I found the countrey so exceedingly harrased and impoverished by Monro and the Forces with him, that the countrey was in no sort able to bear us on the English side, but we must have necessarily ruined both your Army, and the Subjects of this Kingdom, who have not bread for a day, if we had continued amongst them. In prosecution of your Orders, and in answer to the necessity of your Friends in Scotland, and their desires, and considering the necessity of marching into Scotland, to prevent the Governor of Barwick from putting Provisions into his Garison on Scotland side (whereof he is for the present in some want, as we are informed) I marched a good part of the Army over Tweed yesterday about Noon, the residue being to come after as conveniently as we may. Thus have I given to your Lordships an Account of our present condition and Engagement; and
having

having done so, I must discharge my duty in remembring to your Lordships the Desires formerly expressed in my Letters to Sir William Armyne and Sir John Evelyn for Supplies; and in particular, for that of Shipping to lye upon these Coasts, who may furnish us with Ammunition or other Necessaries wheresoever God shall lead us, there being extreme difficulty to supply us by land, without great and strong Convoys, which will weary out and destroy our Horse, and cannot well come to us if the Tweed be up, without going very far about. Having laid these things before you, I rest, My Lords,

Norham this 20 of
Septem. 1648.

Your most humble Servant,

O. CROMVELL.

Whilest we are here; I wish there be no neglect of the businesse in Cumberland and Westmerland: I have sent Orders both into Lancashire and the Horse before Pontefract; I should be glad your Lordships would second them, and those other Considerations expressed in my Desires to Sir William Armyne thereabouts.

O. C.

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Lieut: General *Cramwells* Summons to the
Governor of Berwick.

SIR,

BEing come thus near, I thought fit to Demand the Town of Berwick to be delivered into my hands, to the use of the Parliament and Kingdom of England, to whom of right it belongeth: I need not use any arguments to convince you of the justice hereof; the witness that God hath born against your Army in their Invasion of this Kingdom, which desired to sit in Peace by you, doth at once manifest his dislike of injury done to a Nation that meant you no harm, but hath been all along desirous to keep Amity and brotherly affection and agreement with you: If you deny me in this, we must make a second Appeal to God, putting our selves upon him, in endeavoring to obtain our Rights, and let him be Iudge between us; and if your aymes be any thing beyond what we profess, he will require it; if further trouble ensue upon your denial, we trust he will make our innocency to appear: I expect your Answer to this Summons this day, and rest,

Your Servant,

For the Governor of Berwick,

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For the Right Honorable, Lieute-
nant General Cromwell.

Much Honored and Noble Sir,

I Have received yours, wherein ye desire
the delivering up of this Town, which I
was put in trust with by the Committee of
the States of Scotland, wherewith I am im-
mediately to acquaint them, and expects
their Order; and in the mean time rests,

Noble Sir,

Berwick, 15. Sep.
1648.

Your humble Servant,

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The L E T T E R to the Committe of
Estates of Scotland.

Right Honorable,

B E I N G upon my approach to the borders
of the Kingdom of Scotland, I thought
fit to acquaint you with the Reasons there-
of: It is well known how injuriously the
Kingdom of England was lately invaded by
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the Army under Duke *Hamilton*, contrary to the Covenant and our Leagues of Amity, and against all the Engagements of Love and Brotherhood between the two Nations: And notwithstanding the pretences of your late Declaration, published to take with the people of this Kingdom, the Commons of *England* in Parliament assembled, Declared the said Army so entering, as Enemies to the Kingdom, and those of *England* who should adhere to them as Traytors; and having received commands, with a considerable part of their Army to oppose so great a violation of Faith and Justice, what a witness God, being appealed to, hath born upon the Engagements of the Armies, against the unrighteousness of man, not onely yourselves, but this Kingdom, yea, and a great part of the known world, will I trust acknowledge, how dangerous a thing it is to wage an unjust War, much more to appeal to God the righteous judge therein: we trust he will perswade you better by this manifest token of his displeasure, least his hand be stretched out yet more against you, and your

poor people also, if they will be deceived. That which I am to Demand of you, is, the Restitution of the Garisons of Berwick and Carlisle into my hands, to the use of the Parliament and Kingdom of *England*: If you deny me herein, I must make our Appeal to God, and call upon him for assistance, in what way he shall direct us; wherein we are and shall be so far from seeking the harm of the well-affected in the Kingdom of *Scotland*, that we profess as before the Lord, that what difference an Army necessitated in an Hostile way, to recover the ancient Rights and Inheritance of the Kingdom under which they serve, can make, we shall rejoyce, and use our endeavors to the utmost, the trouble may fall upon the Contrivers and Authors of this Breach, and not upon the poor innocent people, which have been led and compelled into this Action, as many poor souls now Prisoners to us confess: We thought our selves bound in duty thus to expostulate with you, and thus to profess, to the end we may bear our integrity out before the world,

world, and may have comfort in God, what
ever the event be. Desiring your Answer,
I rest,

Your Lordships humble Servant,

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For the Right Honorable, the Comman-
der in chief of the Forces of the Parlia-
ment of *England*, near Berwick and
Carlisle, or in any other part with-
in the Northern Counties.

Right Honorable,

HEaring that some Forces of the Parliament of
England are come Northward, near the bor-
ders of Scotland, to reduce Berwick and Carlisle;
The desire we have to preserve a right understand-
ing between the Kingdoms, hath moved us to signifie
to you, That as we did dissent from, & protest against
the late unlawful engagement against England,
carried on by a pre-valent party and faction, against
the Declaration of this Church and their Commissi-
oners, and against the desires and supplications of the
most considerable shires of this Kingdom; so shall we
be ready to cooperate, by contributing our best endea-

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wors with you, that the Garisons of Berwick and Carlisle be reduced, and the Towns delivered to the Houses of Parliament, or such as are or shall be by them authorized.

These who command the Forces returned from that Army which went into England, and their adherents, have made applications to us for a Treaty; we have desired them to disband their Forces and Garisons, and deliver those Towns, that they may be surrendered to the Houses of Parliament; assuring you, that in any transaction of Peace with them, or pursuance of War against them, we shall be as careful and tender of the interest and good of the Kingdom of England, as of our own Nation; and our Actions in this and in every occasion shall be real evidences of our sincere resolutions to observe inviolably the Covenant and Treaties between the Kingdoms, and to be mutually ayding to each other against the common enemy, till it please God to grant both Kingdoms the great blessing of a safe and well-grounded Peace.

By Warrant, and in the Name of the Noble men, Gentlemen and Burgesses now in Arms, who dissented in Parliament from the late Engagement against the Kingdom of England.

Falkirk, 15. Sep. 1648.

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*Instructions to the Laird Gramheat, and
Major Straughan.*

1. **Y**ou shall shew, That the remainder of that Army that went into England in the last wicked Engagement, with the Forces with *George Monro* and their Adherents, being returned into this Kingdom, are very active to raise new Forces, and strengthen themselves to carry on the former Designs.

2. You shall shew, That we are resolved to oppose them, and that we shall agree to no desire of that Army, without disbanding of their Forces, and denuding themselves of all power, that the power of Peace and War may be intrusted to such as have disented from the late Engagement, and desire to preserve the Union between the Kingdoms.

3. You shall shew, That if they lay not down their Arms, but persist to pursue their Engagements against the Kingdom of England, and disturb the Peace of this Kingdom,

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we are, confident that the Houses of Parliament and their Armies will be ready to assist us with their Forces, to pursue them as common Enemies to both Kingdoms, as we were, and are willing to assist the Houses of Parliament against the Malignants in England.

4. That we desire and expect they will be in readines to concur with us, when we shall give them a call; and that we are to send to the Honorable Houses of Parliament, to desire their assistance, and that by joynt Councils and Forces, the Disturbers of the Peace of both Kingdoms may be brought to Tryal and condign punishment.

Falkirk, 15. Septemb. 1648.

Articles in Treaty between the two Armies.

THE Members of Parliament who dissented in Parliament, and the Gentlemen and Burgeses chosen by the severall Shires and Burghes, now in Arms for the Covenant,

Covenant, do propound to those in Arms against us, That all their Forces in the Field be forthwith Disbanded, and the Garisons of Berwick and Carlisle, and other Garisons in their Power within the Kingdom of Scotland and England be forthwith delivered; that we may Surrender to the Kingdom of England their own Garisons and Forts, and for continuing the Union betwixt the two Kingdoms, and dispose of our Garisons for securing the Peace of this Kingdom.

That all these of their number, who have been imployed in Publique Place or Trust in the Kingdom (in respect they have by manifest abuse of their Power and Trust so exceedingly endangered Religion, and brought the Kingdom to the very brink of Dispair and Ruine) shall forbear the exercise of all Place, Power or Trust, until a free PARLIAMENT or CONVENTION of ESTATES, consisting onely of persons free from the

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late unlawful Engagement; and that the benefit of their Places be Sequestred, to be disposed of by the Parliament or Convention of Estates, and they giving assurance that in the mean time they shall not disturb the Peace of the Kingdom, we shall not challenge them for their lives or Estates; being always understood, That nothing herein contained, shall prelimit the Parliament of this Kingdom to the Kingdom of *England*, according to the Treaties and Covenant.

It is to be remembred, That the Persons above written, Nominated and Authorized for the Treaty, shall not have any Power to conclude, but after Debate of all matters in Writing, to make a report thereof to us.

Woodhouse, 14 Septemb. 1648.

The Expostulation between the two Armies.

Vpon Tuesday morning about five of the clock, the Lord *Humby* and the Lord *Lee* your Commissioners, presented a Letter Subscribed by the Earl of *Crawford-Lindsey*, the Earl of *Lanerick*, and Col: *Geo: Monro*, wherein they did agree, That a Treaty should begin at eight of the clock in the morning at Wenchborow; with this limitation, That the Treaty should onely continue till twelve at noon, promising that the Army under your Command should march no further then they were at present, our Army doing the like; And that during the Treaty, there should be a Cessation from all acts of Hostility. Though this Letter came late to our hands, about three hours after the time appointed, and so it was in our choyce to have marched presently, or to have embraced a Treaty; yet we resolved to stay, and were content to send some of our number to Treat at Wenchborow with the like number from you; provided, That the Treaty might endure until Wednesday at four of the clock in the morning, and all marching of Forces, and acts of Hostility on either side should cease during that time: Whereupon your Commissioners the Lord *Humby* and the Lord *Lee* did undertake, That either your Lordships should agree to prorogate the time of the Treaty until Wednesday four of the clock in the morning, the Forces of both sides not marching further then they were at present, and the Marquis of *Argyle* not coming with his Forces to St. Nynians Kirk, about a mile on this side of Sterling: Or otherwise if you did not agree to this, that then none of your Forces should march before eleven of the clock at the soonest. Two from us were sent along with your Commissioners to receive your Answer, which was delivered by the Earl of *Crawford* and *Glencarn*, at the Town end of *Lithgow*, in these words:

That it was impossible for you to consent to prorogate the time

*of the Treaty until four of the clock on Wednesday morning; and that you resolved to fight that night for the Pass at Sterling, though it were with Twenty thousand: but withal promised to make good what your Commissioners had undertaken; viz. That none of your Forces should march before eleven of the clock out of your Quarters; particularly, That they should not before that time cross the River of Evarn near Lithgow: All which notwithstanding, we were credibly informed part of your Forces marched through Falkirk, which is about six miles distant from Lithgow, betwixt nine and ten of the clock in the Forenoon, and about two of the clock in the Afternoon marched into Sterling, which is distant twelve miles from Lithgow, and so under trust and fair pretences to Treat, your Lordships did take an opportunity to surprize the Forces of the Marquis of *Argye*, killing some, and taking others Prisoners, when they were in security, being advertised by us of a Treaty betwixt your Lordships and us; which we cannot esteem to be a fair way of proceeding: And therefore we desire, That all those of the Marquis of *Argyle's* Forces detained Prisoners by your Lordships, may be forthwith released and set at liberty; and for the Blood of those that have been killed under trust, we know not how it can be expiated.*

For the Right Honorable, The Earl of Loudoun Chancellor of Scotland, to be communicated to the Noblemen, Gentlemen, and Burgessees now With the Army, who Dissented from the late Engagemēt against the Kingdom of ENGLAND.

Right Honorable,

WE received yours from Falkirk of the 15 of *Septem.* instant; we have had also a sight of your Instructions given to the Laird of *Gramheats* and Major *Straughan*; as also two others Papers, concerning the Treaty between your Lordship and the Enemy, wherein your care of the Interest

terest of the Kingdom of *England*, for the Delivery of their Towns unjustly taken from them, and desire to preserve the Unity of both Nations, are dearest : By which also we understand the posture you are now in to oppose the Enemies of the welfare and Peace of both the Kingdoms; for which we bless God for his goodness to you, and rejoyce to see the power of the Kingdom of *Scotland* in a hopeful way to be invested in the hands of those, who we trust are taught of God to seek his Honor, and the comfort of his people. And give us leave to say, as before the Lord who knoweth the secret of all hearts, That as we think one especial end of Providence in permitting the Enemies of God and Goodness in both Kingdoms to rise to the height, and exercise such Tyranny over his people, was, to shew the necessity of the Unity amongst his of both Nations; so, we hope and pray, That the late glorious Dispensation in giving so happy success against your and our Enemies in our Victory, may be the foundation of the Union of the People of God in Love and Amity : and to that end we shall, God assisting, to the utmost of our power endeavor to perform what may be behinde on our part: And when we shall through any wilfulness fail herein, let this Profession rise up in Judgement against us, as having been made in Hypocrisie; A severe Avenger of which, God hath lately appeared, in his most righteous witnessing against the Army under Duke *Hamilton*, Invading us under specious pretences of Piety and Justice : We may humbly say we rejoyce with more trembling, then to dare to do so wicked a thing.

Upon our advance to Alnwick, we thought fit to send a good party of Horse towards the Borders of *Scotland*, and therewith a Summons to the Garrison of Berwick; to which having received a dilatory Answer, I desired a safe Convoy for Col: *Brigh* and the Scoutmaster General, to go to the Committee of Estates of *Scotland*, who, I hope, will have the opportunity to be with your Lordships before this come to your hands, and according as they are instructed, let your Lordships in some measure (as well as we could in so much ignorance

rance of your condition) know our affections to you, and understanding things more fully by yours, we now thought fit to make this return.

The Command we received upon the defeat of Duke Hamilton, was, *To prosecute the business until the Enemy might be put out of a condition or hope of growing into a new Army, and the Garisons of Berwick and Carlisle were reduced*: Four Regiments of our Horse, and some Dragoons, having followed the Enemy into the South parts being now come up, and this countrey not being able to bear us, the Cattel and old Corn thereof having been wasted by *Monro* and the Forces with him, the Governor of Berwick also daily victualling his Garison from *Scotland* side, and the Enemy yet in so considerable a posture, as by these Gentlemen and your Papers we understand, still prosecuting their former Design, having gotten the advantage of Sterling-Bridge, and so much of *Scotland* at their backs to enable them thereunto; and your Lordships condition at present not being such as may compel them to submit to the honest and necessary things you have proposed to them for the good of both the Kingdoms; We have thought fit out of the sence of our Duties to the Commands laid upon us by those who have sent us, and to the end we might be in a posture more ready to give you an assistance, and not be wanting to what we have made so large Professions of, to advance into *Scotland* with the Army; And we trust by the blessing of God, the Common Enemy will thereby the sooner be brought to a submission to you, and we thereby shall do what becometh us in order to the obtaining our Garisons; engaging our selves, That so soon as we shall know from you the Enemy shall yield to the things you have proposed to them, and we have our Garisons delivered to us, we shall forthwith depart out of your Kingdom, and in the mean time be more tender towards the Kingdom of *Scotland* in the point of Charge, then if we were in our own Native Kingdom. If we shall receive from you any desire of a more speedy advance, we shall readily yield compliance therewith, desiring often to hear from you how Affairs

fairs stand. This being the Result of the Council of War,
I present it to you as the expression of their affections and
my own, who am, My Lord,

Your most humble Servant,

O. CROMWELL.

An Extract of Letters from the Committee of *Derby-house*,
of 24 *Augusti*, and 19 *Septembr.* to Lieutenant
General CROMWELL.

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V V E doubt not but God will so direct and assist you in
doing what remains, as both those that are come
Southward will be destroyed; and that you then will prosecute
the remaining party in the North, and not leave any of them
(where ever they shall go) to be a beginning of a new Army;
nor cease to pursue your Victory, till you finish and fully com-
pleat it, With their Rendition of those Towns of Berwick and
Carlisle, which most unjustly, and against Obligations, and the
Treaties (then) in force, they surpris'd and Garisoned against us.

Derby-house, 24 Aug: 1648.

B Y the Postscript of your Letter of the 11th, We conceive you
will be advanced as far as the Borders before these come
to you; and that you will lose no time nor opportunity for the
regaining of the Towns of Berwick and Carlisle, and desire
you to use the best means that you in your judgement shall
think most conducing to that end; The regaining of them being
a thing of so grent concernment to the Honor of this Kingdom,
and safety of those Northern parts.

Derby-house, 19 Septem.

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Resolved upon the Question,

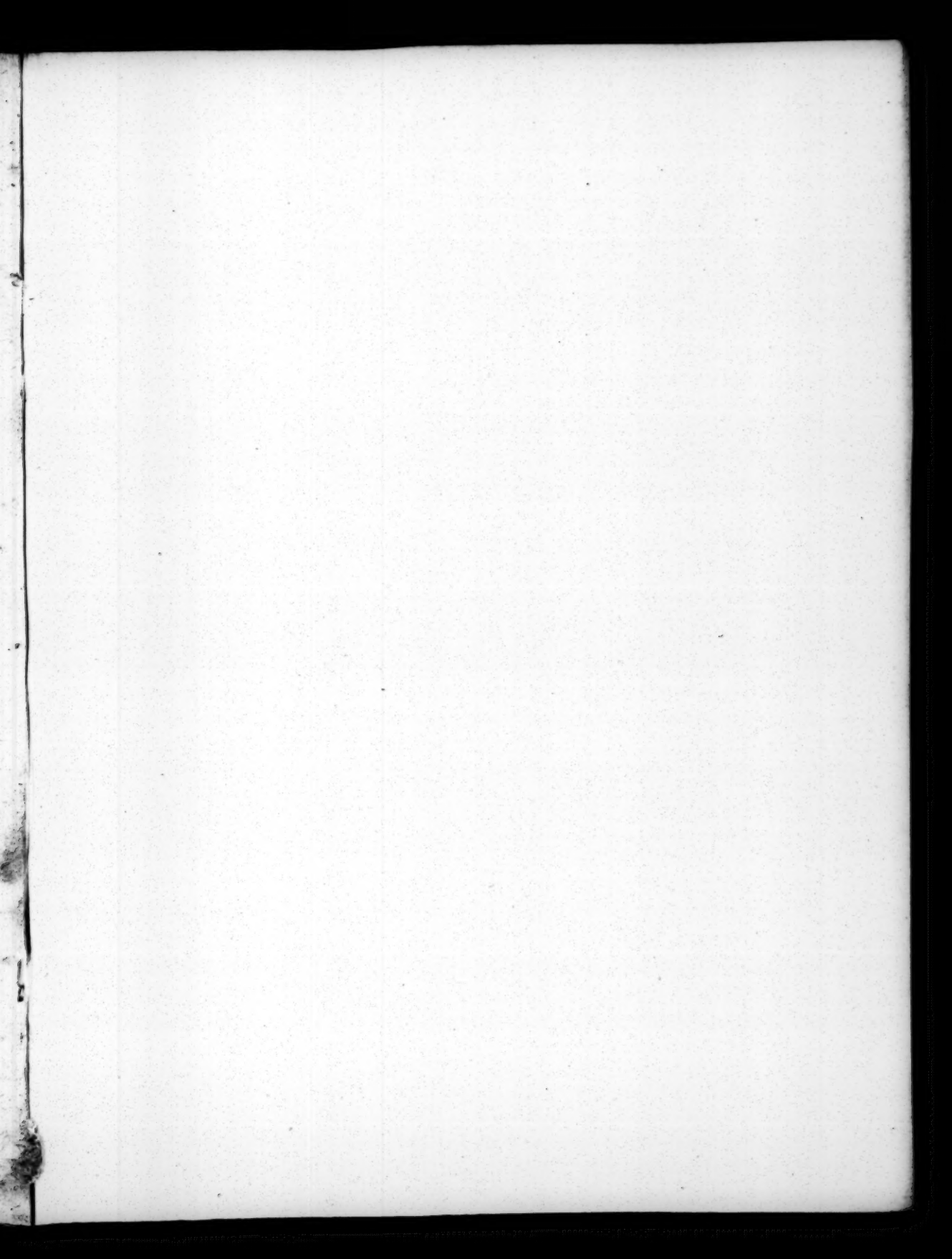
That the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, do approve of the actions of Lieut: General Cromwel, in pursuance of the Orders he received from the Committee sitting at Derbyhouse, which they likewise approve of.

Resolved upon the Question, &c.

That in case those Noblemen and others that dissented against the Invasion of the Kingdom of England by the Army under the Command of Duke Hamilton, shall desire the assistance of Lieut: General Cromwel, that he be ready to afford them all seasonable relief and assistance,

H: Elsynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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